

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A sewing thread comprising a plurality of under-twisted yarns ~~having upper twist provided therewith~~, each of the under-twisted yarns being a sheath-core structure yarn composed of ~~two or more multifilament yarns~~ a sheath yarn comprising sheath filaments and a core yarn comprising core filaments, the sewing thread having an upper-twist therein.

wherein a part of the sheath-core structure yarn protrudes as loops on a yarn surface of the sewing thread, the loops with 0.7 to less than 1.2 mm length are 50 to 300 loops per meter, and the loops with 1.2 mm or more length are 10 or less loops per meter.

2. (Original) The thread according to Claim 1, wherein the sewing thread has a strength of 4 to 6 cN/dtex.

3. (Original) The thread according to Claim 1, wherein a difference in yarn length between a core yarn and a sheath yarn of the sheath-core structure yarn is in the range of 2 to 20%.

4. (Original) The thread according to Claim 1, wherein a difference in yarn length ~~between~~ a core yarn and a sheath yarn of the sheath-core structure yarn is in the range of 3 to 10%.

5. (Original) The thread according to Claim 1, wherein an average rate of variations in sewing tension of the thread is within $\pm 10\%$.

6. (New) The thread of claim 1, wherein the thread comprises 2-7 under-twisted yarns.

7. (New) The thread of claim 1, wherein the under-twist and the upper-twist are in different directions.

8. (New) The thread of claim 1, wherein the thread has a twist coefficient between 4000 and 12000.

9. (New) The thread of claim 1, wherein the sheath-core structure yarn comprises two or more multifilament yarns.

10. (New) The thread of claim 1, wherein the sheath yarn and the core yarn of each of the under-twisted yarns have a difference in yarn length.

11. (New) The thread of claim 1, wherein the thread comprises two multifilament under-twisted yarns.